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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
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SUBJECT: AIRFIELD FACILITIES FOR UN RELIEF OPERATIONS  
TO RWANDA.

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1. SECRET -- ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. HUMINT INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTTEL FOLLOWS.

A. BARGES PLY THE RIVER BETWEEN BRAZZAVILLE AND BANGUI FROM JULY TO DECEMBER, DURING THE RAINY SEASON.

B. THE ROAD NETWORK SOUTH INTO ZAIRE IS IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION DUE TO LACK OF UPKEEP. ALL ROADS ARE UNIMPROVED DIRT/LATERITE, NARROW, AND SPARINGLY TRAVELED. THERE IS NO OVERLAND ROAD NETWORK TO THE EAST BEYOND THE RIVER TOWN OF MOBAYE.

C. THERE IS NO VIABLE OVERLAND ROUTE FROM BANGUI TO KIGALI. THE UNIMPROVED DIRT ROAD THROUGH ZAIRE IS OFTEN CLOSED DURING THE RAINY SEASON, FROM JUNE TO LATE NOVEMBER.

D. TWO FERRIES CAN TRANSPORT TRUCKS UP TO EIGHTEEN TONS ACROSS THE OUBANGUI RIVER INTO ZAIRE AT THE TOWNS  
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OF BANGUI AND MOBAYE. BRIDGES BETWEEN BANGUI AND  
MOBAYE CAN HANDLE THIS WEIGHT.

E. WE KNOW OF NO SECURITY/MILITARY OPERATIONS THAT  
WOULD IMPERIL OVERLAND CONVOYS ON CENTRAL AFRICAN SOIL.

F. BANGUI AIRPORT SECURITY IS EXCELLENT.

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3. POST NOTES THAT THE LIST OF POSSIBLE AIRPORTS DOES NOT INCLUDE GOMA AND BUKAVU, ZAIRE. BOTH ARE WITHIN MILES OF THE RWANDAN BORDER, LOCATED RESPECTIVELY NEAR THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ENDS OF LAKE KIVU. GOMA HAS A FULLY IMPROVED STRIP CAPABLE OF TAKING A BOEING 747. THE BUKAVU KAMEMBE AIRSTRIIP IS SHORTER BUT CAN HANDLE A BOEING 737 OR C-130. ALSO, THERE IS A GOOD AIRPORT IN CYANGUGU, RWANDA -- THE BUKAVU AIRPORT IN THE COLONIAL ERA -- THAT CAN HANDLE C-130S.

4. KINSHASA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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